

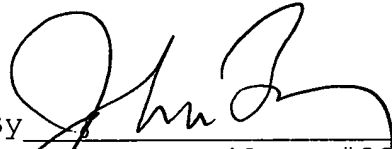
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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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December 30, 2004

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated October 5, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application. Please amend the present application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.